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1. OVER THE WEEKEND I CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGES IN REFTELS TO PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET. HE KNOWS THAT INDONESIAN AIRCRAFT WILL PICK UP LON NOL PARTY AT UTAPAO ON APRIL 1. LATER IN THE DAY WE WILL HAVE THE EXACT TIME OF LON NOL'S DEPARTURE FROM PHNOM PENH WHICH I WILL PASS TO EMBASSY JAKARTA VIA NIACT IMMEDIATE. LON NOL IS AGREEABLE TO THIS CHANGE OF PLANES AT UTAPAO.

2. I ALSO TOLD LONG BORET THAT WE HAVE NO PREFERENCES AS TO WHICH PLACE LON NOL WISHES TO VISIT FIRST IN THE U.S. (STATE 071693). LONG BORET SAID THAT LON NOL WOULD PROBABLY SETTLE DOWN IN THE HOUSE LON NON PURCHASED NEAR WASHINGTON, AND IT WOULD THEREFORE MAKE MORE SENSE FOR THE MARSHAL TO FIRST GO TO HAWAII AND THEN ONWARD TO THE EAST COAST. ALSO, HE THOUGHT LON NOL'S
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ARRIVAL ON THE EAST COAST AT A LATER TIME WOULD BE LESS

NEWSWORTHY, BUT DECISION ON WHERE TO GO IN THE U.S.
AFTER INDONESIA VISIT WILL BE MADE BY LON NOL HIMSELF.
HIW ONWARD TRAVEL PLANS WILL PRESUMABLY BE PASSED ON TO
OUR EMBASSY IN JAKARTA FOR TRANSITTAL TO WASHINGTON.

3. LONG BORET ALSO HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM ROC
REPRESENTATIVE IN PHNOM PENH, IN WHICH TAIPEI HAD
ACCEPTED TO RECEIVE VISIT FROM MARSHAL IN TAIPEI FOR
MEDICAL TREATMENT. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE MARSHAL
WOULD STOP IN TAIPEI. IN ANY CASE, HE APPRECIATED
OFFER FROM ROC PRIME MINISTER.

4. I AM CALLING ON THE MARSHAL WITH SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS
LATE THIS MORNING (MARCH 31) TO BID HIM FAREWELL. I
OFFERED TO GO TO THE AIRPORT, BUT LONG BORET THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO MAKE THIS COURTESY VISIT AT
LON NOL'S RESIDENCE RATHER THAN AT THE AIRPORT. IN
VIEW OF THE MARSHAL'S INFIRMITY, AND DIFFICULTY IN
GETTING ONTO THE AIRPLANE, MARSHAL WOULD PREFER NOT
TO HAVE ANY WITNESSES.

5. THE NEW ACTING CHIEF OF STATE, SAUKHAM KHOY, NOW
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, HAS ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT
TO MEET WITH ME THIS AFTERNOON.

6. LONG BORET WILL ACCOMPANY LON NOL FOR A COUPLE OF
DAYS. HE PLANS TO DISCUSS WITH INDONESIAN AND THAI
LEADERS WAYS OF FINDING A POLITICAL SOLUTION.
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